

We claim:

1 1. A roll assembly for a rolling mill comprising:
2 a roll shaft;
3 a mill roll driven by said roll shaft; and
4 a first toothed ring fixed on said roll shaft and a
5 second toothed ring interdigitated and coaxial with said first
6 toothed ring and fixed on said mill roll whereby said toothed
7 rings transmit torque between them.

1 2. The roll assembly defined in claim 1 wherein said
2 first toothed ring is mounted on an end face of an axial end of
3 said roll shaft and said second toothed ring is mounted on an end
4 face of an axial end of said mill roll.

1 3. The roll assembly defined in claim 2 wherein the
2 teeth of said toothed rings are in a straight-tooth gear pattern.

1 4. The roll assembly defined in claim 2 wherein at
2 least one of said toothed rings is affixed to the respective end
3 face by a plurality of pins.

1 5. The roll assembly defined in claim 4 wherein said
2 pins have axes parallel to a common axis of said toothed rings.

1 6. The roll assembly defined in claim 5, further
2 comprising generally conical centering formations centering said
3 shaft with respect to said roll.

1 7. The roll assembly defined in claim 6 wherein said
2 conical centering formations include a conically tapered
3 projection on one of said axial ends fitting into a conically
4 tapered recess on the other of said axial end and receiving said
5 projection.

1 8. The roll assembly defined in claim 7 wherein said
2 projection is formed on said shaft and extends into said roll to
3 a depth which is at least 30% of the axial length of said roll.

1 9. The roll assembly defined in claim 8, further
2 comprising a screw connection between said roll and said shaft.

1 10. The roll assembly defined in claim 9 wherein said
2 screw connection has a single screw coaxial with said shaft and
3 said roll.

1 11. The roll assembly defined in claim 10, further
2 comprising a seal between the roll and the shaft.

1 12. The roll assembly defined in claim 1 wherein said
2 roll is a roll of a planetary cross-roll mill and said first
3 toothed ring is mounted on an end face of an axial end of said
4 roll shaft and said second toothed ring is mounted on an end face
5 of an axial end of said mill roll.

13. The roll assembly defined in claim 12 wherein the
teeth of said toothed rings are in a straight-tooth gear pattern.

1 14. The roll assembly defined in claim 12 wherein at
2 least one of said toothed rings is affixed to the respective end
3 face by a plurality of pins.

1 15. The roll assembly defined in claim 14 wherein
2 said pins have axes parallel to a common axis of said toothed
3 rings.

1 16. The roll assembly defined in claim 12, further
2 comprising generally conical centering formations centering said
3 shaft with respect to said roll.

1 17. The roll assembly defined in claim 16 wherein said
2 conical centering formations include a conically tapered
3 projection on one of said axial ends fitting into a conically
4 tapered recess on the other of said axial end and receiving said
5 projection.

1 18. The roll assembly defined in claim 7 wherein said
2 projection is formed on said shaft and extends into said roll to
3 a depth which is at least 30% of the axial length of said roll.

1 19. The roll assembly defined in claim 12, further
2 comprising a screw single screw coaxial with said shaft and said
3 roll for connecting said roll to said shaft.

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1 20. The roll assembly defined in claim 12, further
2 comprising a seal between the roll and the shaft.